

PHILADELPHIA GIVES GREETING TO 'TIGER'

Clemenceau Sits in Chair of Washington—Touches Liberty Bell.

SPEAKS BEFORE 4,000

Told by Senator Pepper Our Withdrawal From France Was Not Good-by.

LARGE CROWDS SILENT

Guest Meets Descendant of Benjamin Franklin—At Cresson, Pa., To-day.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—On his journey from Washington to Chicago Clemenceau was this city's guest for five hours to-day. It was enough for a pictorial parade, a visit to Independence Hall and an address to 4,000 persons in the Academy of Music.

Clemenceau again expressed his satisfaction with President Harding's address to Congress, which he found "very encouraging," despite its disavowal of America's intention to enter alliances promising armed intervention in Europe, such as Clemenceau would like to see us make with France.

He also told the Philadelphians that the United States had dictated the terms of peace but had not remained to see them enforced.

In Independence Hall the reception committee, headed by Mayor J. Hampton Moore, led him into the room in which the Declaration of Independence was signed. Mr. Moore motioned to the armchair in which Washington sat in the sessions of the Constitution Congress.

Meets Descendant of Franklin.

"Oh," said Clemenceau, "I am too small to do such a thing as that." But finding the committee insistent he mounted the little platform and took his place. They handed to him the silver pen with which Joffre, Foch, Admiral Beatty and other celebrities had written their names in the visitors' book.

The solemnity of the moment was relieved when Clemenceau, dipping the pen in the inkwell, found it dry. "I am sorry but there is no ink in it," he said, after sounding the depths. So some one handed him a fountain pen and he put down his name, "G. Clemenceau."

"And now," said Mayor Moore, "I should like to present a great-great-granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin." "Ah," beamed Clemenceau, taking the hand of a gray-haired woman, "I have a status of Franklin in my street before my house." The woman was Mrs. Ellen Duane Davis of Philadelphia.

Puts Hand on Liberty Bell.

His only other stop in the Cradle of Liberty was before the Independence Bell. He read the inscription and examined the crack with curiosity, then placed his hand on the bell.

At 3:25 o'clock this afternoon Clemenceau's train moved westward. Some who met him at the Broad Street Station were Mayor Moore, Gov. Sproul, Governor-elect Gifford Pinchot, Edward T. Stotesbury, Edward Bok, Senator Pepper, Cyrus H. K. Curtis, Alba B. Johnson, Samuel M. Vauclain, Samuel Rea, Gen. W. W. Atterbury and Gen. William G. Price. Bernard M. Baruch of New York, one of the sponsors of Clemenceau's American tour, also rejoined him here.

The cavalry escort in the parade from the station to the Academy of Music was the City Troop, the oldest and fittest of military organizations—young men in light white buckskins breeches and the epauleted tunics and tutted helmets of dragons—riding matched horses.

The streets were crowded, but for the most part silent. A good many hats were lifted as the "Tiger" passed. In front of Independence Hall school children and others sang the "Marseillaise" and "The Star Spangled Banner." The American national anthem had not been sung in other cities Clemenceau visited except by opera singers.

The Philadelphia Forum had charge of the Academy of Music meeting. The theater was full and there was a crowd outside. Clemenceau is now so well trained that he did not move from the reading desk on which rested the transmitter of a voice magnifying apparatus. George Norris, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, opened the meeting and Senator Pepper introduced Clemenceau.

Jail Sentence Evokes Pledge to Pay Alimony

WHEN Mrs. Winifred Larken of Yonkers applied to Supreme Court Justice Morschauser yesterday at White Plains for an order holding her husband, John, in contempt of court for failing to pay her back alimony the defendant's lawyer said Larken was unable to pay because he was in bad health.

"How much is due?" inquired the court.

"Sixty dollars up to the present time," replied the lawyer.

After Justice Morschauser had been told that this was the second contempt application, he said:

"This defendant will get his health back if he goes to jail. I will commit him to the county jail."

"The defendant will pay up," Larken's lawyer quickly told the court, and the contempt order was withdrawn.

GRIDIRON FROLIC IS THIRD PARTY SATIRE

Borah, La Follette and Johnson Play Witches and Make a Devil's Brew.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The recent elections and the suggested organization of a third political party gave members of the Gridiron Club humor and satire in abundance to-night at their annual banquet.

The December frolic of the club, which is composed largely of Washington newspaper men, entertained President Harding, members of the Cabinet and of the diplomatic corps, other Government officials and business men and publishers from all sections of the country.

The numerous pickettings which have become common in this city since women suffragists paraded before the White House made the basis for the greeting to the assembling guests. Club members dressed in Italian Fascisti costume met them at the doors with appropriate banners. One typical of the group bore the question:

"Mr. President, are you with us or against us? The hour has come."

The third party skit was the feature of the dinner. Around a large kettle representing Senator Borah, La Follette and Johnson, concocted a devil's brew, Borah recited:

Round about the cauldron go,
In new party issue throw,
Kissies of every known condition,
Russian Soviet recognition,
Blows the standpat goat hath got,
Easi thou first in the charmed pot.

All the witches insisted the new brew should not only have a kick, but should be composed of kicks. This led Borah to soliloquize on the question whether it were better to stay within the party and swat the Administration, thereby affording the Democrats much gloe, or be a new party man in name as well as in deed. Senator Beveridge then announced his willingness to join, explaining:

Twice have I switched, each time in turn rejected,
I seek some haven now where I can be elected.

The act closed with Henry Ford feeding the fire with greenbacks and with a farmer and a banker attempting to stir up the brew together, whereupon there was an explosion and the party broke up with the organizers blaming everybody and shaking their fists in each others' faces.

Four men wrapped in sheets appeared as the ghosts of "normalcy," "reduced taxation," "lower cost of living" and the "international court," but when they were unveiled the issues were shown to be still alive.

Good music featured the dinner, with several parodies, one of which, entitled "Sailing, sailing, over the three mile line," described the troubles of rum ships. A musical skit, "The Gridiron Follies of 1922," was the central point.

Finally a member remarked that President Harding had a number of problems on his mind.

"Take the next Congress for instance, I wonder what the President will do with it."

"I have a better conundrum than that. What will it do to him?"

In the finale the President was asked a number of questions in a song ending: And now just a query in Gridiron vein—What will the President do?
Will he say he declines or will he run again?
What will the President do?
This was the introduction to the President's address. A part of the program yearly, but as Mr. Harding was told he did not have to answer the questions, and as it is a Gridiron rule that neither his address nor those of other speakers are reported, his answers remain secret. Other speakers included Justice Sutherland of the United States Supreme Court, former Vice-President Marshall, Senator Borah and "Uncle Joe" Cannon. As the dinner was the last public entertainment in the national capital at which "Uncle Joe" will appear he was presented with a bronze gridiron as a memento of the occasion.

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